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(57) Abstract: A catalyst system is disclosed for use with elastomeric compositions, such as thermoset elastomers or thermoplastic elastomers. The catalyst system comprises at least one phenolic resin and at least one other ingredient selected from the group consisting of a non-transition metal halide and a nanoclay, provided that when the ingredient is nanoclay, the phenolic resin is brominated. Optionally, the catalyst system can include at least one acid or at least one hydrogen halide scavenger, or both. The catalyst system avoids the use of tin-containing materials, reducing environmental concerns. Elastomers and their preparation in the presence of the catalyst system are also disclosed, including the preparation of white elastomers.